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SUBJ: NBMA TRADE COMPLAINT

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1. USDA REPRESENTATIVE GENE ROY HAS RETURNED TO BAGHDAD AND EXPECTS TO DEPART IRAQ ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24, AT LATEST.

2. ROY REPORTS THAT COURT SUPERVISED WEIGHING OF MORE THAN 12,000 OF 20,000 CASES OF NBMA CHICKENS REMAINING IN GOI STORES HAS PRODUCED NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED SHORTAGES. NBMA REPRESENTATIVE, CLARENCER FISHER, IS TILL IN BASRAH WAITING FOR COPY OF SURVEY REPORT. WEIGHING PROCEDURE DID SHOW THAT WEIGHTS MARKED ON CASES WERE LESS THAN ACTUAL WEIGHT OF CONTENTS, BUT THIS DIFFERENCE WAS SHOWN ON PY-210 FORMS ISSUED BY USDA INSPECTORS. GOI MIGHT CLAIM THAT GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY (GPC) SUFFERED LOSSES AS IT SOLD CASES TO CUSTOMERS BY MARKED WEIGHTS WHILE IT PAID FOR WEIGHTS SHOWN ON PY-210 FORMS. HOWEVER,
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TOTAL DISCREPANCY THAT CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THIS MANNER IS LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE 15000 TON SHORTAGE PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED BY IRAQI PARTY.

3. USINT BELIEVES PRESSURE MAY CONTINUE TO BLAME SHORTAGES ON NBMA BUT WEIGHING PROCEDURE, IF PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY GOI, PROBABLY STRENGTHENS

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NBMA'S POSITION. DIRECTORY GENERAL OF GENERAL POULTRY
COMPANY, CENTRAL REGION, WHICH SUPERVISED NBMA CONTRACT,
HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM HIS POSITION. NEXT STEP IS TO
AWAIT COURT'S DECISION ON VALIDITY OF WEIGHING RESULTS.
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